GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:625
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2005
ENVIRONMENTAL ORIENTATION TO SCHOOL EDUCATION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the grants-in-aid provided to States/UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Environmental Orientation to School Education Scheme during each of the last three years and thereafter till date;

(b) whether Union Government also provides financial assistance to voluntary organizations for the conduct of experimental and innovative programmes in schools with local environmental conditions;

(c) if so, the details of assistance provided to voluntary- organizations in each State/UT*^ for the purpose during the above period;

(d) whether it is a fact that the response to the scheme for the participating agencies not been encouraging since 1995-96; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to make the scheme successful?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 625 FOR ANSWER ON 10.5.2005 ASKED BY SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL AND SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY REGARDING `ENVIRONMENTAL ORIENTATION TO SCHOOL EDUCATION SCHEME `

(a) Grant-in-Aid has not been provided to States/UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Environmental Orientation to School Education during the last three years and thereafter till date.

(b) & (c): Yes Sir, State wise details of assistance provided to Voluntary Organizations under Environment Orientation to School Education (EOSE) scheme during the last three years are given in Annexure.

(d) & (e) No. Sir, a Centrally Sponsored scheme of Environmental Orientation to School Education was started from 1988-89 under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments/UT Administrations/ Voluntary Organizations to take up various programmes/activities aimed at creating environmental consciousness among the students. The scheme envisages grants to States/UTs for various activities i.e. review and development of curricula and textbooks of various disciplines at primary, upper primary, secondary and senior secondary levels of `Environmental Studies` etc. However, due to lack of interest in the States/UTs, no grants have been released to States/UTs beyond the financial year 1995-96 and it was decided to implement the scheme through Voluntary Organizations only. Appointment of Seven Nodal Voluntary Organizations have been made on merit basis engaged in the field of Environment Orientation with specified area of operation covering entire country to make ; the scheme successful in all States/UTs.